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765 If the survivors so desire, the bones are later dug up again and deposited in separate shallow clay containers near the grave.

Memories of the dead do not fade quickly. Long after the death of a family member, the devotion of his relatives is expressed in violent outbreaks of pain when a reminder of the deceased is evoked by some event. If, while examining storage baskets in the houses, we came across objects from the estate of departed spouses or children, the women broke out in loud lamentation, which stopped only when the object concerned was hidden again.

765 In the last Šambioa village I witnessed a scene of mourning
• [464] as unique as it was touching, when the news arrived that a Karaya had died in Pará, where he had gone on a boat as a hired rower. His mother and wife paced up and down on the bank for two days, while solemnly mourning loudly in song, holding ornamental objects of the lamented in their hands and continually waving them downstream where he had disappeared.

[533] The mourning songs were continued, accompanied by other women, far into the night.

Sicknesses and Witch Doctors

164 On the whole the Karaya have been spared from the worst scourges of primitive peoples, smallpox and syphilis, just as little are they subject to the leprosy and goiter so widespread in the population of Goyaz. On the other hand tuberculosis, the infectiousness of which is well known to the Indians, is steadily increasing among the Karayahi. Ahi catarrho naõ tem? Is there no catarrh, too? is always the first question which they ask the foreign visitor before they allow him to enter their huts. Malaria fevers occur in their more intensive form also only in the Karayahi region, particularly in the lowlands between São José and the mouth of the Rio das Mortes.

757 Medicines are apparently used by the savage tribes of South America to a much lesser degree than one generally assumes.